Raiders dominate Gretna

Big Gain

RAIDER RUSSELL WALTON breaks through the Gretna line for a big gain in Friday night's varsity football game. Walton picked up 105 yards on 24 carries for Appomattox, who defeated Gretna 40-8. (Photo by Roy Trent.)

Appomattox put on a powerful offensive display Friday night in recording a 40-8 varsity football win against the Gretna Hawks.

Appomattox got on the scoreboard with 25 seconds left in the first quarter, when Russell Walton plunged into the Gretna end zone from one yard out.

The Raiders' next score came in the second quarter, following an interception by Andre McCoy.

Appomattox gambled on a fourth and one at the Gretna 25-yard line. Paul Johnson kept the ball on a quarterback sneak, and the Raiders had a first and ten at the Hawk 22. On the next play, Johnson passed to tight end Kevin Kendrick, who sliced over a Gretna player and into the end zone.

The Raiders added two points on a fake conversion kick. Johnson, the place-kick holder, took the snap from center, rolled to his left, and hit Tim Austin in the end zone for the two points and a 14-0 lead.

Gretna's lone score came with 3:13 remaining in the second quarter, when quarterback Robert Cosby hit receiver Qmon King from 28 yards out for six points. With the two-point conversion, the Hawks had narrowed the Raiders' lead to 14-8.

The Raiders got on the board again with 22 seconds left in the first half. Johnson hit Kendrick again from 26 yards out, and with Kendrick's successful conversion kick, the Raiders took a 21-8 lead off the field at half time.

The second half was all Appomattox, and Raider fans were treated to viewing the Central Virginia version of John Riggins: defensive tackle Carl Banks went into the Appomattox lineup as a running back, and scored two touchdowns.

Banks' first score came from three yards out with 4:43 left in the third quarter. The successful kick lifted the Raiders' lead to 28-8.

Banks scored again with 2:32 left in the game, capping a drive which began at the Appomattox 31-yard line. The two-yard plunge raised the Raider lead to 34-8, where it stood after an unsuccessful point-after-touchdown kick attempt.

The Raiders scored once more with 59 seconds left in the game. Defensive back Tim Austin intercepted a pass and returned the ball to the Gretna eight-yard line. Three plays later Rick Dickerson went in from a yard out for the final points of the game.

The Raiders had 336 yards total offense, including 213 yards rushing and 123 yards passing. Leading rushers were Walton (105 yards on 24 carries), Ron Kelso (73 yards on 11 carries) and Banks (35 yards on six carries).

Quarterback Johnson was eight for 20 in the passing department. His leading receivers were Kendrick (five catches for 85 yards) and Austin (two catches for 20 yards).

The Raiders conclude their season this Friday night in a home game against Liberty. Game time is 8 p.m.

Jayvees win last contest

The Raider junior varsity football team completed its season on a winning note Thursday at home, with a 22-0 victory against Randolph-Henry.

Jeff Fanney scored the Raiders' first touchdown, on a 24-yard run in the first quarter. The conversion attempt failed, and despite several long drives, the Raiders were unable to score again in the first half, which ended with Appomattox leading, 6-0.

Appomattox took the kickoff in the second half and marched down the field, with the drive culminating in another Fanney touchdown. Quarterback Danny Williams hit Gary Scruggs with a two-point conversion pass to increase the Raiders' lead to 14-0.

The Radiers final score, and the final score of the game came at the end of the third quarter. Jeff Agee got the ball on a trap play at midfield, and broke through the Randolph-Henry secondary to score. Leroy Woolridge passed to Shawn Walker for the two-point conversion setting the score at 22-0.

The Appomattox team reserves played the entire fourth quarter. The team's defense withstood several Randolph-Henry scoring threats throughout the game.

Raider coach Howard Clabough said that Fanney, Scruggs, Williams and Agee were offense standouts for the Raiders against Randolph-Henry.

Defensively, the "whole team did an excellent job," according to Clabough.

The Raiders ended their season with a 5-4 record, the sixth consecutive winning record for Appomattox's junior varsity squad.

"Coach Pettyjohn and I were very pleased with the kids' progress this year," commented Clabough. "We had a big team, physically, but they weren't executing very well at the season's start. They worked and improved as time went on, and they were playing their best ball of the season at the end of the season."

"One of the greatest assests of this team was their never-quit attitude," the coach continued. "There were times when they could have given up, but they didn't, and that's what carried them through to the winning season."

For play against Statesmen

Six jayvees honored

Six members of the Appomattox junior varsity football team have been named Players of the Week for their performance in Thursday's game against Randolph-Henry.

Defensive players of the week include Lee White, Keith Fanney, and Leroy Woolridge. Offensive Players of the Week include Roger Jackson, Gary Scruggs and Jeff Agee.

White, a defensive tackle, had five solo tackles against Randolph-Henry.

Fanney, who plays linebacker, also had five solo tackles in Thursday's game.

Woolridge, a cornerback, had three solo tackles and an interception against Randolph-Henry.

Jackson, who played guard and center Thursday, was cited for his outstanding blocking on the offensive line.

Scruggs, a running back, picked up 100 yards on 13 carries on offense. He also intercepted a pass on defense.

Agee, also a running back, picked up 80 yards running against Randolph-Henry Thursday.

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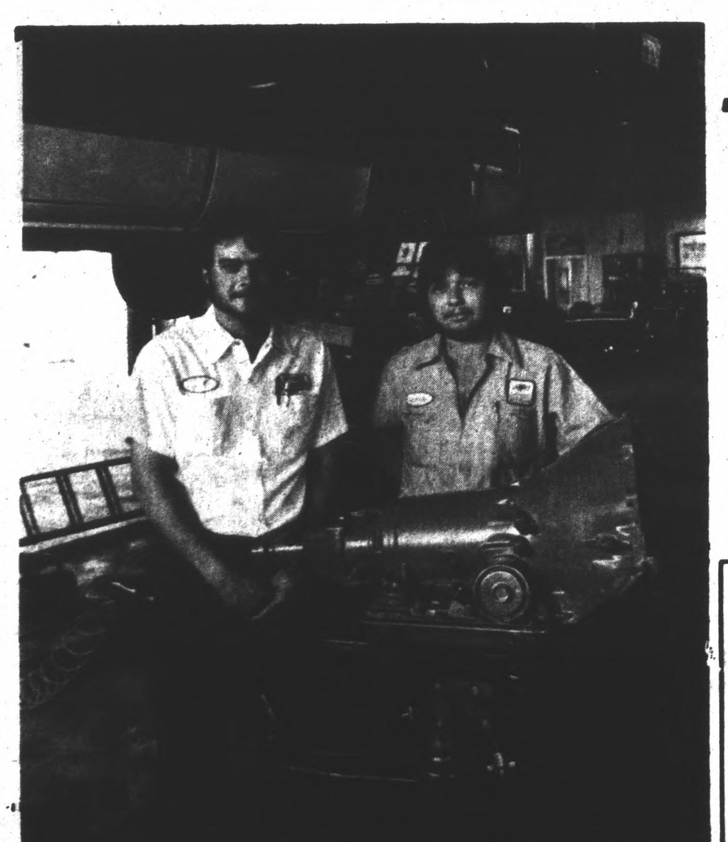

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Raiderettes end season

The Raiderette varsity basketball team was able to hold Altavista's league-leading scorer Jenny Hecht to 11 points, but Appomattox was unable to suppress the powerful Altavista team and lost 54-23 Monday night in the first round of the Seminole District girls' basketball tournament.

The Raiderettes played good defense against Altavista, the district champions. But Appomattox had difficulty breaking the Altavista press and scoring.

Appomattox could manage just five points in the first quarter, and two points in the second quarter. Altavista, on the other hand, scored 12 and 19 points, respectively, in the first and second quarters.

The Raiderettes fared little better in the third quarter, scoring six points while holding Altavista to nine. In the final period, Appomattox stepped up the offensive pace somewhat, tallying 10 points, but the surge came too late and Altavista prevailed, 54-23.

Darlene Ferguson was the leading scorer for Appomattox, with six points. Sally Coleman, Traci Moore and Kim Osborne added four points each for the Raiderettes. Beverly Bennett and Janice Foster added two points, and Jennifer Worley scored one point against Altavista.

Ferguson, Worley and Coleman each had five rebounds for the Raiderettes.

Christina Steiger was the leading scorer for Altavista, with 19 points total. Hecht was the second leading Lady Colonel scorer, with 11 points.

The tournament loss ended the season for Appomattox, with five wins and 15 losses on the year.

Locals take tourney title

Bill Burke and James Paulette won the championship flight in the men's division of the annual Falling River Country Club member-member golf tournament Oct. 27 and 28.

Second place in the championship flight was captured by Tom Bass and Doug Mitchell, and third place went to Jimmy Mayberry and Shorty Moore.

In the first flight, Tommy Lawson and "Peaches" Smith took first place. They were followed by Neil Lowe and Bill Thomas in second place, and Buster Jackson and Robert Jackson in third place.

Ken Milton and Dwayne Scruggs took place in the second flight of the tournament. Richard Martin and Garland Ranson took second place, and Dick Richardson and Hunter Tolley took third place.

In the ladies' division, Katurah McCormick and Dot Bass took first place, and Carolyn Davis and Anne Kerr took second place.

For this Sunday

Benefit tourney slated

The Second Annual Rescue Squad Fire Department Benefit Tournament will be held Sunday, Nov. 11 at Falling River Country Club.

The two-man captains' choice event will be open to all members of Falling River Country Club and their invited guests. There will be no greens fee for the guests.

Play will begin at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The entry fee for the tournament is a tax deductible donation of $20 per man or $10 per woman.

The tournament committee urges players to sign up by Thursday night either by signing up at the golf shop or phoning 352-7037. Donations should be made payable to either:

Appomattox County Rescue Squad, Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department, Appomattox Volunteer Fire Dept.

Checks may either be brought to the Pro Shop before teeing off or mailed to: Falling River CC, P.O. Box 865, Appomattox, VA., 24522.

Whether you can play golf that day or not, all donations will be appreciated.

'Turkey Trot' is Saturday

The fifth annual Turkey Trot Five Run will be held Saturday, Nov. 10. Sponsored by Colonial American National Bank with the help of Struabs Specialty Sports, for the benefit of Area 24 Special Olympics, the run presents a challenging five-mile course in the Timberlake Area of Lynchburg.

Area 24 Special Olympics is a non-profit sports program for the mentally retarded in the area. Area 24 is comprised of the City of Lynchburg, the Counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Buck-

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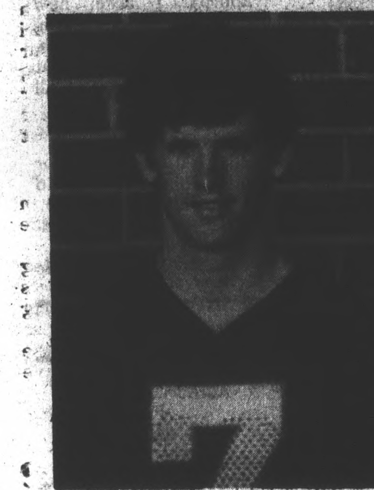

Tim Austin

Russell Walton

Four varsity gridders honored

Four members of the Raider varsity football team have been named Players of the Week for their performance in Friday night's game against Gretna.

Russell Walton, Kevin Kendrick, Carroll Patrick and Tim Austin were honored by the coaching staff for their play against the Hawks.

Walton carried the ball 24 times for 105 yards and a touchdown. He also had four solo tackles and two assists on defense.

Kendrick had five pass receptions for 85 yards and two touchdowns against Gretna.

Patrick was cited for his outstanding blocking on the offensive line, which was instrumental in the Raiders' running game.

Austin had two key interceptions, four solo tackles and one assist on defense. On offense, he had two pass receptions, for 20 yards, and one two-point conversion.

GETTING READY FOR THIS WEEKEND'S rescue squad/fire department benefit golf tournament are (from left) Auto Klair, Herman Richardson, Slick Mitchell, Dot Bass and Floyd Williams. Proceeds from the tournament, which is scheduled for Sunday, will go to the Appomattox and Pamplin fire departments and the Appomattox Rescue Squad. See story, page 12. (Photo by Allen Austin)

'Turkey Trot' set

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ingham, Campbell, Cumberland, Nelson, and Prince Edward, and the Central Virginia Training Center.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. at the Timberlake Christian School, 300 Horizon Drive. Participation is open to the public, and the tax-deductible entry fee is $5.00 or $6.00 on race day. All proceeds go directly to Area 24 Special Olympics. Trophies and prizes will be awarded.

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